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SUBJECT: IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON R&D

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WOLF SCHMIDT-KUESTER
FROM BOSWORTH

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNING BOARD HAS ASKED FOR A
REPORT AT ITS OCTOBER 10 MEETING ON THE STATUS OF PREPARA-
TIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER R&D MEETING. I UNDERSTAND THAT
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND OCTOBER 10 MEETING SINCE
YOU WILL BE HERE IN WASHINGTON. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES,
I WOULD SUGGEST, IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU THAT WE HAVE
A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF PREPARATIONS AGENDA, ETC.

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AT NEXT WEEK'S SLT MEETING AND THAT I THEN MAKE REPORT TO

GOVERNING BOARD ON YOUR AND MY BEHALF.

2. WE HAVE PREPARED A BRIEF PAPER WHICH COULD BE THE BASIS FOR THE SLT DISCUSSION AND OUR REPORT TO THE OCTOBER 10 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. PURPOSE OF PAPER IS TO SATISFY

GB THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING ARE SUFFICIENTLY WELL IN HAND TO JUSTIFY AGREEMENT NOW TO HOLD IT IN NOVEMBER.

3. JACK VANDERRYN AND I WILL CALL YOU ON WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS OUR PAPER, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

4. OVERVIEW. THE THEME OF THE MEETING AND ITS PURPOSE WILL BE TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN OF THE IEA'S ENERGY R&D PROGRAM. THE AGENDA WILL CONTAIN TWO SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS: "AN ENERGY R&D PLAN FOR THE IEA," AND "IEA R&D PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE," PLUS AN ITEM ON "THE R&D CHAPTER OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION." (IN ADDITION, WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE COAL AGREEMENTS COULD BE SIGNED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOLDING OF THE MEETING. WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU.)

5. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SPECIAL GOVERNING BOARD CAN REACH DECISIONS ON EACH OF THESE THREE ITEMS. WE ENVISAGE THAT THE PAPERS FOR THE MEETING WOULD INCLUDE A DISCUSSION PAPER ON EACH ITEM AS WELL AS A DRAFT GB DECISION.

6. COUNTRIES WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING AT THE MINISTERIAL OR SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THE MEETING SHOULD NOT BE CHARACTERIZED AS A "MINISTERIAL MEETING," BUT RATHER AS A "HIGH-LEVEL" MEETING. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE MEETING. RATHER, ITS CONCLUSIONS SHOULD BE EMBODIED IN A PRESS RELEASE. (SIGNING OF THE COAL AGREEMENTS WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY NEWSWORTHY ITEM FOR THE PRESS RELEASE.)

7. DISCUSSION OF THE THREE AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOWS:

8. ITEM 1. AN ENERGY R&D STRATEGY FOR THE IEA.
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DISCUSSION AT YOUR INFORMAL SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING REVEALED THAT NOT ALL IEA COUNTRIES HAVE EXPLICIT R&D PLANS WHICH CAN BE MERGED INTO AN OVERALL IEA PLAN. AS A RESULT, THE PAPER ON THIS AGENDA ITEM (WHICH THE U.S. IS DRAFTING) WILL HAVE TO BE MORE CONCEPTUAL IN APPROACH AND BE DESIGNED TO INITIATE A PROCESS LEADING TO A COORDINATED STRATEGY AND RATIONALE. THE PAPER WILL PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS ON THE ANALYSES AND EVALUATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE UNDER-

TAKEN AND IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF RESULTS WHICH ARE TO BE OBTAINED.

9. ITEM 2: IEA R&D PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM THE MEETING WILL REVIEW THE STATUS OF COOPERATIVE PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY INITIATED UNDER THE NINE AREAS OF COOPERATION IDENTIFIED IN THE IEP. IT WILL ALSO SELECT PROMISING NEW AREAS FOR IEA COOPERATION (12 AREAS IDENTIFIED IN YOUR INFORMAL MEETING) AND DIRECT THE R&D GROUP TO EXAMINE IN DEPTH THE POSSIBILITIES FOR ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO SEE WHETHER ONE OR TWO JOINT PROJECTS CAN BE IDENTIFIED FOR IEA COOPERATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. THIS IS PAPER YOU ARE PREPARING.

10. ITEM 3: THE R&D CHAPTER OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON LONG-TERM COOPERATION. THIS DRAFT CHAPTER, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY YOUR R&D GROUP AND THE SLT, IS NON-CONTROVERSIAL.

11. I DO NOT SEE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS IN COMPLETING THE PRINCIPAL PAPERS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THE MEETING. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A DRAFT FOR ITEM 1 FOR DISCUSSION WITH YOU BY OCTOBER 7 OR 8. INGERSOLL

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